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## MORNING BRIGANDS

There may be happier times than this,  
But if there are I've never known them,  
When youngsters jump in bed to kiss  
And wake the pa's and ma's who own them.  
What if the sun be up or not,  
Another perfect day is dawning,  
And is it not a happy lot  
With such delight to greet the morning?

Sometimes I hear them quit their bed  
And catch their bare pitter-patter,  
And other times they're at my head  
Before I know what is the matter.  
Brigands to rob us of our sleep  
They come—their weapons love and laughter,  
And though we're locked in slumber deep,  
They always get the joy they're after.

Some days there are when we could lie  
And dream our dreams a little longer,  
But oh, our love for them is stronger,  
Yes, stronger than our wish to sleep  
And so we countermand the order  
And let that pair of brigands leap  
With wild delight across love's border.

There may be happier times than this,  
But if there are I've never known them,  
When youngsters jump in bed to kiss  
And wake the pa's and ma's who own them.  
They miss a lot, the man and wife  
Who never feel those glad hands shake them,  
Who rise by day to toil and strife  
But have no little tots to wake them.  
—Edgar A. Guest.

It seems that life is "just one damn thing after another." No sooner have we finished gasping for breath because of the threatened railroad strike than comes the threat of the miners to stir things up. Some way or other it looks as though organized labor was going to try and see just how great a nuisance they can become. A coal strike would be nearly as disastrous to the American people as a railroad strike. It may be that the miners have a man-sized grievance. But there must be a way provided that will attend to these disputes, and that before the country either freezes up or has to walk from city to city.

Will some one please step up and tell who is and why Treasurer Mellon. This county by popular vote has decreed that prohibition shall be. Treasurer Mellon states quite to the contrary. Physicians' prescriptions are now all that is necessary to have beer and wine in almost unlimited quantities. "Medicinal beer!" That's good. The breweries will now commence the manufacture thereof in unlimited quantities, for there's going to be a heap of sickness all over the country. To a certain lot of physicians business is going to be good. Sure, Secretary of the Treasury, Mister Mellon, will become one of the most popular men of the country, and he did it with his little pen.

After Senator Pat. Harrison of Mississippi, and Tom Watson of Georgia get through telling the public what they think of the recent speech of President Harding—made at Birmingham last week, the President will wonder if he really gained any prestige in the south. These two gentlemen are hot on the trail of the republican president of these United States, and they are well able to set before the public the attitude taken by the true southerner. It takes a southern man to realize just what the president said when he preached negro equality, social, political and economic. About the only man that America ever saw that did this and got away with it was Theodore Roosevelt.

As predicted in the Courier of recent date the Non-Partisans of North Dakota got theirs in the recent recall election. Isn't it awful, Mabel? Just as the country was getting used to the reconstruction period occasioned by the end of the World War along bobs up this recall in North Dakota, and they have the whole reconstruction period to go through with again—this time it will be the reconstruction of the state, and they have some real job on their hands, those poor used and misused Dakotians. And on top of all this the new member of the U. S. Supreme Court stated the other day that the case against Charlie Townley would not be reopened. That means that Charlie has to go to durance vile for some sixty or ninety days—too bad it couldn't have been ninety years. Verily the world doth move.

There are two reasons why Democratic senators should have lined up against the separate German treaty. One is the fact that the treaty is the most dishonorable thing to which an American Government has ever been committed, since it involves the desertion of our allies and the surrender of every principle for which we sacrificed so many men and so much money. The other is that its repudiation would have been forcing down the throat of the Harding administration a dose of its own medicine. The reason Democratic Senate leaders made common cause with the Republicans on this blot upon the national honor was that both are now dominated by Big Business which is in a hurry to have the decks cleared of matters which delay its realization of political investments made last year. Having both the power and the votes to defeat the separate treaty the Democratic minority deserves more censure than the Republican majority for the dishonor which attaches to this matter.—Paris Appeal.

The union heads, we are told in press dispatches, came out of the Chicago conference after "settling" the strike laughingly and "jocularly" elbowing one another as they left the building. The railroad executives probably waited round the corner and no doubt repared to some quiet spot, where they had a good giggle over the manner in which the dear public, with the aid of a "determined" Labor Board, had been again bamboozled. In the meantime the administration at Washington is to be complimented on the firm stand it took in forcing a reduction in freight rates. The reduction will not materialize, of course, but we have had another illuminating example as to what "practical statesmanship" can do when it sets its head. A nationwide titter is not inexcusable.—Paris Mercury.

## CHICAGO PASTOR GETS \$5,000,000 REWARD

Last Saturday night a Chicago preacher received word that he has been awarded \$5,000,000 for rescuing a wayward girl.

"Oh, look at the nice sky pilot," laughed Lucy Lillian Byrne, as the Rev. David S. Kidd elbowed his way into a levee saloon. "I wonder if he's going to buy a drink?"

The girl's voice was heard above the din of a piano and the buzz of voices of men and women who lined up to the bar. The minister walked up to Miss Byrne and said, "Won't you come over to a table with me?"

The girl winked at her companions, took a half filled glass and sat down with Kidd.

To the girl was recounted the story of Mary Magdalene and her redemption. Miss Byrne wept. She left the saloon with the preacher.

Two days later she was back in Baltimore at the home of her wealthy father, Wellington K. Byrne. She died two years later.

The redemption of Lucy Byrne took place fifteen years ago. The girl's father died eight years ago and left his entire estate to the Rev. Mr. Kidd on condition that he change his name to the Rev. David S. K. Byrne.

He changed his name but the court at Hamilton county, Florida, where the bill was probated would not hand over the estate until the minister proved that he was the only heir.

For eight years the minister advertised all over the world for heirs and received no answer. Saturday night Judge B. B. Johnson notified him that the estate was his. A large part of the money will be spent to erect the Lucy Lillian Byrne home for girls.

## MISS PUCKETT WEDS MISSOURI NEWSPAPERMAN

Miss Elizabeth Puckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Puckett of Charleston, W. Va., prominent coal operator, was married here today to Mr. Harry Mann, of Brunswick, Mo., prominent Missouri newspaper man. The marriage of Miss Puckett and Mr. Mann was a complete surprise to their friends here, Miss Puckett having come here two weeks ago to be a member of the bridal party at the marriage of Miss Juliet Price, prominent Jefferson City young woman, and Mr. John Guy Gibson, of Hutchinson, Kan., which took place tonight. Mr. Mann also was a member of the bridal party at the marriage of Miss Price and Mr. Gibson. The young couple were married at the Grace Episcopal church at 10 o'clock this morning by the Rev. H. P. Manning, rector. The ring ceremony was used. They were attended by Miss Juliet Price and Mr. John Guy Gibson, the bride and groom of tonight.

Miss Puckett and Mr. Mann have been engaged for some time. Miss Puckett was a school mate of Miss Price in the east and became acquainted with Mr. Mann while visiting at Miss Price's home here last January.

Mr. Mann has attained considerable prominence in newspaper circles in Missouri, having been employed on the St. Louis Post Dispatch for some time, and recently employed as associate editor of the Jefferson City Capital News. He was graduated from the school of journalism last year at the University of Missouri with high honors. At the university he was student president of the school of journalism, a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a national journalism fraternity, T. N. E. and Sigma Chi. Mr. Mann's work as legislative correspondent during the state legislature for the Missourian, daily paper published by the school of journalism at the university, while he was at the university, attracted considerable attention in newspaper circles.

During the war, Mr. Mann was a member of the A. E. F. in France for 14 months, where he served as a first lieutenant in the infantry. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Mann, of Brunswick. He is 22 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann will leave here Monday for Brunswick where they will visit for a short time at Mr. Mann's home. Later they will probably go to Charleston for a short visit with Mrs. Mann's parents. Mr. Mann expects to return to Missouri and locate in the newspaper business.

(From a special to the Charleston Gazette, West Va., from Jefferson City under date of October 29.)

The Gazette's comment follows: "The bride of yesterday's wedding in Jefferson City, Mo., is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Puckett, of upper Virginia street. She is a beautiful and attractive girl,

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who has been out of school for two years. She was educated in an academy at Cincinnati, Bellecourt in Washington, D. C., and Miss Finch's school in New York City. She has visited in Jefferson City, where she met the groom, who visited Charleston last summer. The bride was in the Missouri capital as a bridesmaid of a school mate friends, the former Miss Juliet Price, who was married just 24 hours previous. The bride is one of two daughters, the other one being Miss Anita Puckett. Both have been prominent socially in the city ever since their school days. The announcement of the marriage was made at the Puckett home last evening.

## PA AND MA

Pa and Ma, as they used to be  
When you and I were young,  
Have never had, as it seems to me,  
Their virtues properly sung.

For ma and pa were simple folks;  
From light to dark they worked;  
They spent no time on problem stuff,  
Nor ever duty shirked.  
Their sons were papas, to their sons,  
Their daughters mammas, too,  
Pronounced with some slight difference

As accept changed, 'tis true.

Then every child must have his "dad"  
And "mums" his mother hails;  
And now they say the father fad  
And mother, too, prevails.

But we of Missouri, must not forget  
Whoever lays down the law,  
The virtues stern, the wealth of love  
Of the reign of pa and ma.

—Exchange.

Roll call—Red Cross—Nov 11-24.

Today is Armistice day. The President of these United States has issued a proclamation that Armistice day is a legal holiday as a "mark of respect to those who gave their lives in the late war."



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